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1. WE BELIEVE THAT PROBLEMS POSED BY GROWING NUMBER OF ARABS REQUESTING POLITICAL ASYLUM IN WEST BERLIN SHOULD BE RESOLVED IN FIRST INSTANCE BY GERMANS THEMSELVES. WE ARE PARTICULARLY OPPOSED TO ANY DIRECT ALLIED LEGISLATIVE INVOLVEMENT IN THIS PROBLEM SUCH AS THAT DESCRIBED PARA 8 REFTEL, AND CONCUR WITH USBER ASSESSMENT (PARA 7 REFTEL) THAT ISSUANCE OF BK/L SUPPORTING SENAT IS INAPPROPRIATE. IN OUR VIEW, ALLIED ROLE AT THIS JUNCTURE SHOULD BE PERIPHERAL AND RESTRICTED TO EXPRESSIONS OF SUPPORT FOR SENAT EFFORTS TO OBTAIN RELIEF FROM LAENDER AND FRG.

2. CONCERNING PROBLEMS OF CONTROLLING ENTRY OF TERRORISTS INTO CITY, WE BELIEVES MEASURES TO SCREEN PERSONS AT CROSSING POINTS WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE, IF PROCESS IS UNOBTUSIVE AND RESULTS IN NO DELAYS. BEFORE REACHING ANY FINAL JUDGMENT, DEPARTMENT WOULD WISH OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY DETAILED MISSION RECOMMENDATIONS FORESEEN PARA 9 REFTEL.

3. IN VIEW INCREASING TERRORIST THREAT IN WEST BERLIN, WE ALSO THINK THE TIME HAS COME TO MAKE FOLLOW-UP APPROACH TO SOVIETS ON PLO OFFICE IN EAST BERLIN. RUSH

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